



CORNERSTONE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Finding Our Way to God
A Study in the Psalms

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL
Ordinary Time—The Sundays of Pentecost
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Pastoral Notes

Dear Cornerstone Family,

Just like that, we've come to the end of our summer Psalms series. Today marks the close of at least this portion of "Finding our Way to God: A Study in the Psalms." I believe we can say with confidence—we have found our way to God this summer. Or, more properly, He has found His way to us. If your reflections and comments are any indication (and I believe they are), this series has been just what the Great Physician ordered.

But it's time to look ahead, and it's appropriate that we do so now. Summer is winding down. Kids are preparing to start school. The predictable fall routines will soon fall into place. And yet, this year is different. It's not back to business as usual. COVID-19 is still a very present reality and likely will be for a while. Economic and financial stresses remain and, in some cases, are escalating. A significant national election is on the horizon, and the battle lines are firmly in place. I told someone this week, "You can literally feel the uneasiness in the air."

In a time like this, where does God want us to set our focus? When I asked that question, my mind immediately returned to the foundation of our faith, to the Cornerstone on which everything we believe is based (Ephesians 2:19-22). We need a sustained look at the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the last five years, we've coursed through a litany of Bible books from the Old and New Testament including Daniel, Philemon, Jude, Habakkuk, Galatians, Jonah, Psalms, Genesis, and Philippians. In addition to these, we've tackled short topical series on prayer, freedom, love, church, relationships, and discipleship. This is not to mention five different Advent series, two Lenten series, and four vision renewal series at the start of each calendar year.

As I looked over the content and themes of what we've covered, and then looked out at the pressing needs of our time, I was convinced: now is the time to enter the life of Jesus Christ proper. Starting August 16, we will begin a series entitled, **Follow Me: The Gospel of Mark**.

Of all the gospel writers, Mark is the punchiest. A fast-moving, action-packed narrative that focuses on what it means to be a disciple of King Jesus, who came to establish a kingdom *not* of this world. In a time where it feels like the world is falling apart, what a comfort to know that the kingdom we're living for—the kingdom that will last—is *not* of this world.

Moreover, King Jesus often does his best kingdom building work in the midst of things falling apart. Yes, it's still 2020. More importantly, Jesus is *still* on the throne. And He always will be.

So, take heart. Things are looking up, friends.

Your servant,
Pastor Nate

Worship is a response to the love of God that brings us out of darkness into his light. The rhythm and flow of the service reflects this present reality as God calls his people and reveals himself, forgives their sins, teaches them from his Word, the Bible, feeds them, and then sends them out to live what they have learned.

This is the pattern of his love in redeeming and saving his people.

Prelude, Announcements, and Preparation

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE AND REVEALS HIMSELF

God calls His people to worship and come before Him. The Creator of all things reveals Himself through His Word and calls us into His presence.

Introit—Give Thanks to God the Lord, Vs I

Give thanks to God the Lord; up - on His Name now call.

Make known a - mong the peo - ple on earth what He has done for all.

Sing praise to Him, now sing; His won - drous acts pro - claim.

Re - joice, all you who seek the Lord; come glo - ry in His Name.

Text: Susan H. Peterson, 1999; Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1868.

Call to Worship—from Psalm 100

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!

All: Come into His presence with singing!

Pastor: Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His;

All: We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Pastor: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

All: Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

Pastor: For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever,
and His faithfulness endures to all generations.

Hymn of Praise—Psalm 100: All Earth with Joy

All earth, with joy, to the LORD come with loud voices ring -
En - ter His gates with thank - giv - ing, to His courts come prais -

ing. With glad - ness serve the LORD; come to Him joy - ful - ly
ing. To Him be thank - ful, and bless His name, your voices

sing - ing. The LORD is God, Know that He made us His
rais - ing. The LORD is good; His lov - ing - kind - ness en -

own. We are the sheep of His pas - ture.
dures, His faith - ful - ness lasts for - ev - er.

Text: Psalm 100; Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Stralsund Gesangbuch*, 1665, Arr. in *Praxis Pietatis Melica*, 1668

New Testament Reading—Revelation 7:13-17

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ “Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE & RECONCILIATION

The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Sung Preparation—Hear My Prayer (from Psalm 86)



Hear my prayer, O Lord, and an-swer me. I am poor and need-y.
You, O Lord, are good and for-giv-ing. Give ear to my prayer.



Save my life for you are the on-ly God. For to you I cry.
Teach your way so that I may walk in your truth; fix my heart to fear You.



You, O Lord, are full of mer-cy. Grac-ious are you, O God. Slow to an-ger a-



bound-ing in faith-ful-ness. Turn to me, de-liv-er me. Save me in Your love.

Text & Music: Greyfriars Press, 2013. Used by permission.

Corporate Prayer of Confession—based on Philippians 2:1-8

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. You tell us that if we are in Christ,
there is great encouragement, comfort in love,
and participation in the Spirit.

All: **But we often lack the affection and sympathy that should be a sign of this.**

Pastor: We are not of the same mind, having the same love,
being in full accord and of one mind.

All: **Instead, we are anxious about our own ideas
and sometimes we use love to exclude instead of binding together.**

Pastor: We operate from a position of selfish ambition and conceit
and do not have the humility to count others as more significant than ourselves.

All: **We look only to our own interests and not to the interests of others.**

Pastor: O Lord, give us the mind of Christ—
to serve one another without thought of status or position.
May we know what it is to be truly humble and emptied of self and to wholly love.

Silent Prayers of Confession

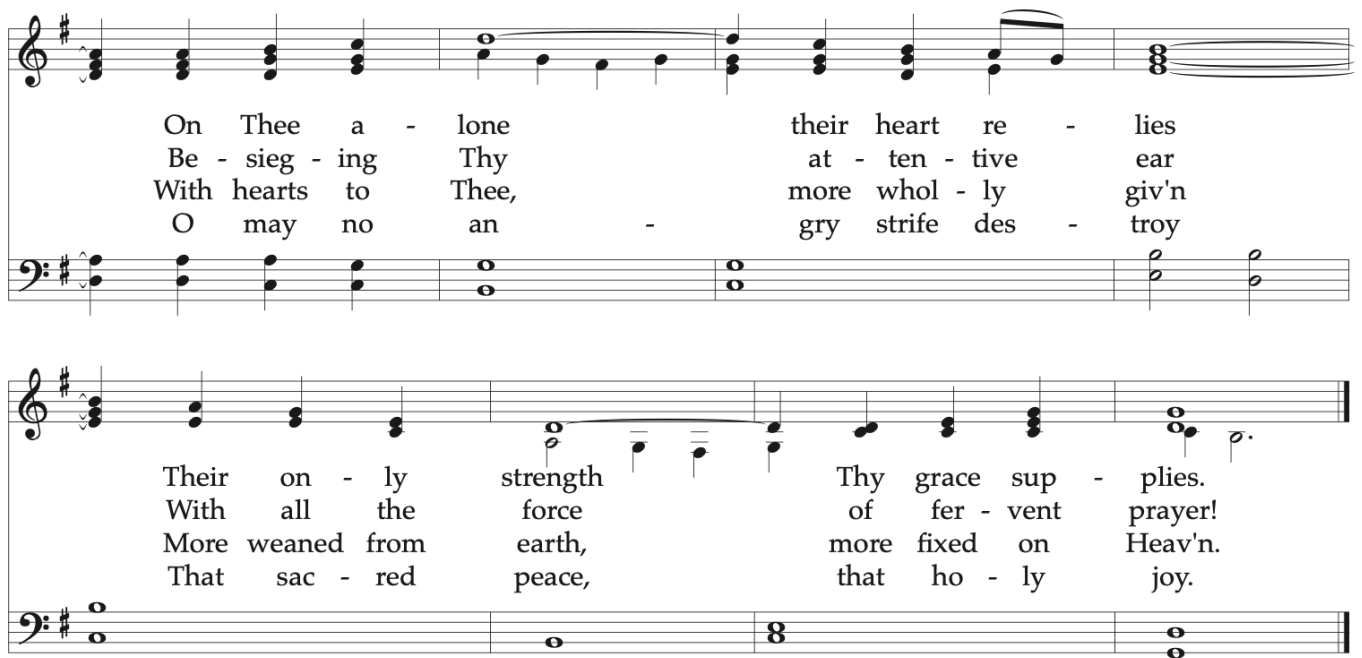
Assurance of Pardon—from Matthew 20:28 & I Peter 1:18-19

Christ came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many. Know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

Hymn of Praise—O Lord, How Joyful Tis to See

O Lord, how joy - ful 'tis to see
How sweet with - in Thy ho - ly place
The world with - out may rage, but we
O may we love, the house of God,

The breth - ren join in love to Thee!
With one ac - cord to sing Thy grace.
Will on - ly cling more close to Thee.
Of peace and joy, the blest a - bode.



On Thee a - lone their heart re - lies
 Be - sieg - ing Thy at - ten - tive ear
 With hearts to Thee, more whol - ly giv'n
 O may no an - gry strife des - troy

Their on - ly strength Thy grace sup - plies.
 With all the force of fer - vent prayer!
 More weaned from earth, more fixed on Heav'n.
 That sac - red peace, that ho - ly joy.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1736, Tr by John Chandler, 1837, based on Psalm 133; Music: American Folk Melody

Sacrament of Baptism

—Graeme Hendrian, *Son of Will & Erin Hendrian*

“For to you is the promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call unto him. ‘And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your seed after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto you and to your seed after you.’ Therefore, believe on the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your house.” (Acts 2:39; Gen. 17:7; Acts 16:31)

Parental Vows:

1. Do you acknowledge your own, as well as your child’s, need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God’s covenant promises for him, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus—and only to the Lord Jesus—for his salvation, just as you do for your own?
3. Do you now consecrate your child to God; will you in humble reliance upon His sovereign grace set before him a godly example—praying with and for him, teaching him the good hope of the Gospel, opening to him the truth of the Scriptures, and striving by every means of grace God provides, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Congregational Vow:

Will you as a covenant community joyously commit to assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

The Reading of the Word—Psalm 133

Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!

² It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down on the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar of his robes!

³ It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion!
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,
life forevermore.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

All: **But the Word of our God will stand forever.**

Sermon—Summer Psalms: Finding Our Way to God, Series 2, Pt 10

Dwelling Together in Unity

—Nate Shurden, *Pastor*

Sung Response—O Praise the Father

O praise the Fa-ther, Praise the Son, The Lamb for sin - ners giv - en.

And Ho - ly Spir-it, through whom a - lone Our hearts are raised to Heav - en.

The image shows a musical score for a sung response. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system contains the lyrics: "O praise the Fa-ther, Praise the Son, The Lamb for sin - ners giv - en." The second system contains the lyrics: "And Ho - ly Spir-it, through whom a - lone Our hearts are raised to Heav - en." The music is written in a 3/4 time signature and features a simple, hymn-like melody with accompaniment in the bass line.

Text: John Mason, 1683; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2011.

Sursum Corda

Elder:	The Lord be with you.	People:	And also with you.
Elder:	Lift up your hearts.	People:	We lift them up to the Lord.
Elder:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	People:	It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
Elder:	It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.		

Sung Response—Holy God We Praise Your Name, Vs 4

The musical score is written for piano in G major and 3/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly Fath - er, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it, Three we name You; While in es - sence onl - y One, Un - di - vid - ed God we claim You; And a - dor - ing bend the knee, While we sing this my - ster - y."

Text: Based on *Te Deum*, 4th c., Attr Ignace Franz, 1774; Music: GROSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1777

Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Creator of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into Heaven
and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church,
The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* "Catholic" refers to the universal church of God's people throughout all time and from all places

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

God offers to His people the gift of communion with Him through the grace of the sacrament and we respond in thanksgiving.

Words of Institution and the Lord's Table

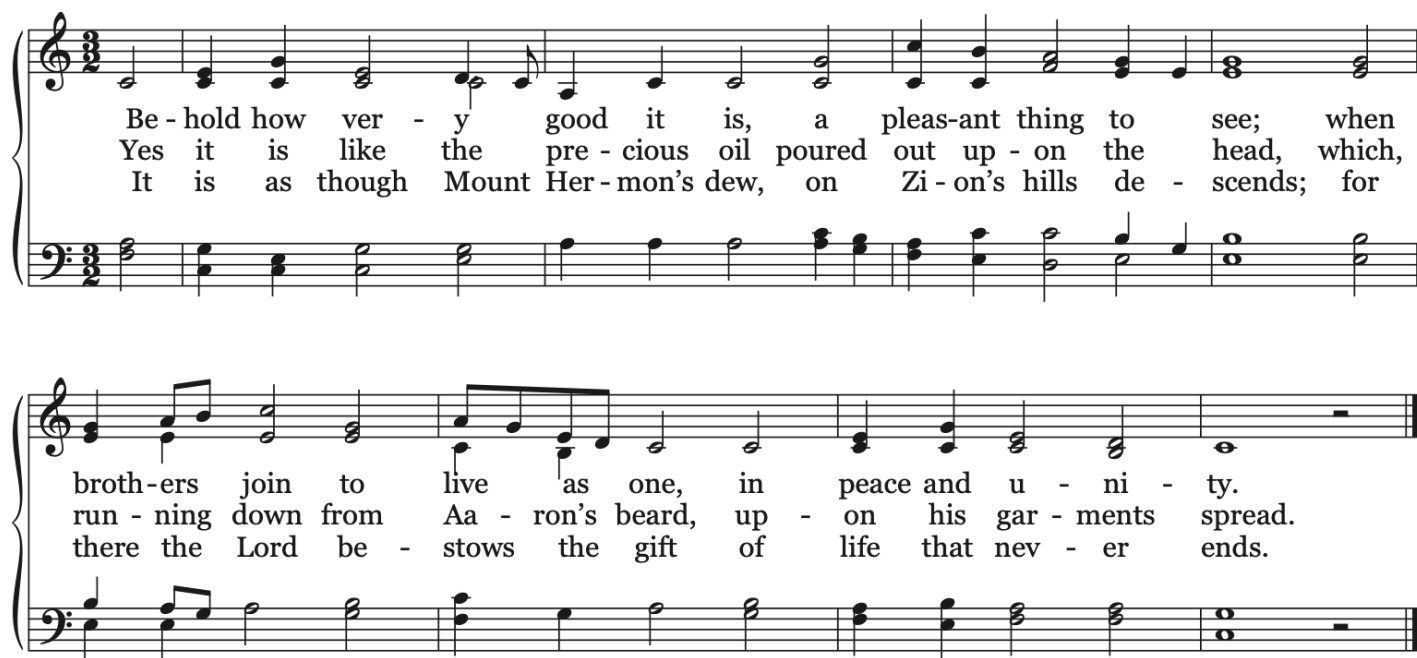
Guidelines for the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is the family meal for Christians. We invite all baptized Christians who are members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, and who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ to join us.

If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. You can find some sample prayers on the next page. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the church.

At Cornerstone, we come forward to receive communion. You may take the bread at the first table and then proceed to either side for the wine/grape juice.

Psalm of the Month—Psalm 133: Behold How Very Good It Is



Be - hold how ver - y good it is, a pleas - ant thing to see; when
Yes it is like the pre - cious oil poured out up - on the head, which,
It is as though Mount Her - mon's dew, on Zi - on's hills de - scends; for
broth - ers join to live as one, in peace and u - ni - ty.
run - ning down from Aa - ron's beard, up - on his gar - ments spread.
there the Lord be - stows the gift of life that nev - er ends.

Text: Aaron Chapin, 1813; Music: DUNLAP'S CREEK, Southern Harmony.

Hymn of Communion—Come, All Ye Pining, Hungry Poor



CCLI #11121087 ©Red Mountain Hymns Text: Anne Steel, 1716-1778; Music: Brian T. Murphy.

Prayers for Those Not Taking the Lord's Supper

If you are not able to partake in the Lord's Supper today, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth. Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. *Amen*

Prayer of Belief. Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. *Amen*

Prayer of Commitment. Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. *Amen*

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen*

Hymn of Praise—All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord

All praise to our re - - - deem - ing Lord, Who
He bids us build each oth - er up; And,
The gift which He on one be - stows, We
We all par - take the joy of one; The
And if our fel - - low - - - ship be - low In

joins us by His grace; And bids us, each to
gath - ered in - to one, To our high call - ing's
all de - light to prove; The grace through ev - ery
com - mon peace we feel; A peace to earth - ly
Je - sus be so sweet, What height of rap - ture

each re - stored, To - - - geth - er seek His face.
glor - ious hope, We hand in hand go on.
ves - sel flows, In pur - est streams of love.
minds un - known, A joy un - speak - a - ble.
shall we know When round His throne we meet!

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Benediction— from I Thessalonians 3:12-13

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. *Amen.*

Sung Response—Christ Be with Me (from St. Patrick's Breastplate)

Christ be with me, Christ with - in me, Christ be - hind me, Christ be - fore me, Christ be - side me, Christ to
win me, Christ to com - fort and re - store me, Christ be - neath me, Christ a - bove me, Christ in qui - et, Christ in
dan - ger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran - ger.

The image shows a three-system musical score for the hymn 'Christ Be with Me'. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic foundation for the vocal melody.

Text: *Atomring indui niurt tren*, St. Patrick, 372-466, Trans by Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-95;
Music: ST. PATRICK CLONMACNOISE, Traditional Irish Hymn Melody.

Welcome to Cornerstone! We're glad you're visiting with us today, and would love the opportunity to welcome you personally. We invite you to fill out our visitor card by following this link.

<https://cornerstonepresbyterianchurch.cbchurch.com/goto/forms/40/responses/new>



Focus on Church Ministry

Men's Ministry – Bible Study

Set aside Thursday morning, August 20, for the final installment of our current Bible Study series, *Coffee with Calvin (& Friends)—True Prayer, True Power*. We are studying Charles Spurgeon's sermons on prayer via Zoom. We hope you'll join us to study the teaching of this powerful 19th century pastor. Contact: men@stonepres.org for the Zoom link.

Prayer

Our prayer team would be honored to pray with and for you. Join the team and submit requests: prayer@cstonepres.org

The Bookshelf

If you're looking to while away an afternoon during these dog days of summer, check out the bookshelf directly outside the church office. There are carefully chosen books available for all ages. Payment is on your honor, on the top shelf.

Giving

There are boxes for giving tithes and alms at both entrances to the chapel. You can also securely give online on the church website.

Nursery

Nursery is now available during the 8 a.m. service. You must register your child for nursery when you register for service. Parents of nursery-aged children should have received an email with the new guidelines. Please let Christy know if you if you have questions. cjshurden@yahoo.com 615-720-8054

Cornerstone App

We have a new app! Through the app you can access the directory, news, sermons, livestreams, calendar, online giving, forms, and more. To download the app, just head to the Apple App Store or Google Play and type in "Cornerstone Pres Franklin". When you first download the app, you are given the option of creating a profile if you would like, though that is not necessary in order to use it. You are also given the option of enabling push notifications, which allows you to receive alerts and reminders from whichever ministries you choose. We will be regularly updating the app with news and sermons, so be sure to hit the little "refresh" button at the bottom whenever it pops up. Any questions about the app or getting a login to the directory can be sent to Anneke Seely at directory@cstonepres.org.

Devotional Booklets

New devotional booklets are available now! The Scripture readings and liturgy in these books will lead us all the way to Advent. Pick one up at either door. We will also include a link to a printable PDF in this week's mid-week email.

Women's Fall Bible Studies

Women will have several time and day options to study Scripture together this fall. Groups will meet on Monday evenings and Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Be looking for an email with more information and links to sign up. Don't receive Women's Ministry emails? Send a message to women@cstonepres.org and put "subscribe" in the subject.

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